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S. 3601

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve the safety of meat and poultry products by enhancing the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to retrieve the history, use, and location of a meat or poultry product through a recordkeeping and audit system or registered identification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Meat and Poultry
5 Products Traceability and Safety Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY.**

2 (a) LIVESTOCK.—Title I of the Federal Meat Inspec-
 3 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding
 4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 25. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT**
 6 **PRODUCTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-
 8 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve
 9 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-
 10 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amenable species presented
 13 for slaughter for human food purposes, and the car-
 14 casses or parts of carcasses and the meat and meat
 15 food products of those species, shipped in interstate
 16 commerce shall be identified in a manner that en-
 17 ables the Secretary to trace—

18 “(A) each animal or group of animals of
 19 the amenable species (as determined by the Sec-
 20 retary to be appropriate for each amenable spe-
 21 cies) to any premises or other location at which
 22 the animal was held at any time before slaugh-
 23 ter; and

24 “(B) each carcass or part of a carcass and
 25 meat and meat food product of the amenable
 26 species forward from slaughter through proc-

1 essing and distribution to the ultimate con-
2 sumer.

3 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
4 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of
5 production, processing, and distribution of meat and
6 meat food products that are produced through the
7 slaughter of amenable species described in para-
8 graph (1).

9 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—
10 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
11 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
12 amenable species not identified as prescribed by the Sec-
13 retary under subsection (b).

14 “(d) RECORDS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
16 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
17 identify an amenable species under subsection (b)
18 maintain accurate records, as prescribed by the Sec-
19 retary, regarding the purchase, sale, and identifica-
20 tion of the amenable species.

21 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
22 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
23 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
24 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-
25 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or

1 corporation to examine and copy the records de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1).

3 “(3) DURATION.—Each person, firm, and cor-
4 poration described in paragraph (1) shall maintain
5 records required to be maintained under this sub-
6 section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-
7 scribes.

8 “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-
9 poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,
10 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
11 as to any premises at which any amenable species or car-
12 casses of amenable species were held.

13 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—
14 No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-
15 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any
16 records or other means of identification prescribed by the
17 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which
18 any amenable species or carcasses of amenable species
19 were held.

20 “(g) RELATION TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-
21 ING.—Nothing in this section prevents or interferes with
22 implementation of the country of origin labeling require-
23 ments of subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
24 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.).”.

1 (b) POULTRY.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act
2 is amended by inserting after section 23 (21 U.S.C. 467e)
3 the following:

4 **“SEC. 23A. TRACEABILITY OF POULTRY AND POULTRY**
5 **PRODUCTS.**

6 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve
8 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-
9 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Poultry presented for
12 slaughter for human food purposes and poultry
13 products shipped in interstate commerce shall be
14 identified in a manner that enables the Secretary to
15 trace—

16 “(A) each poultry or group of poultry (as
17 determined by the Secretary to be appropriate)
18 to any premises or other location at which the
19 poultry was held at any time before slaughter;
20 and

21 “(B) each poultry product forward from
22 slaughter through processing and distribution
23 to the ultimate consumer.

24 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
25 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of

1 production, processing, and distribution of poultry
2 and poultry food products that are produced through
3 the slaughter of poultry described in paragraph (1).

4 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—
5 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
6 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
7 poultry not identified as prescribed by the Secretary.

8 “(d) RECORDS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
10 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
11 identify poultry under subsection (b) maintain accu-
12 rate records, as prescribed by the Secretary, regard-
13 ing the purchase, sale, and identification of the poul-
14 try.

15 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
16 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
17 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
18 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-
19 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or
20 corporation to examine and copy the records de-
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 5 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
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 7 poultry were held.

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 16 implementation of the country of origin labeling require-
 17 ments of subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
 18 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.).”.

19 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Meat Inspection Act
 21 (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, goats,
 23 horses, mules, or other equines” each place it ap-
 24 pears and inserting “amenable species”;

1 (2) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, or goats”
 2 each place it appears and inserting “amenable spe-
 3 cies”;

4 (3) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, and goats”
 5 each place it appears and inserting “amenable spe-
 6 cies”;

7 (4) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or
 8 equines” each place it appears and inserting “ame-
 9 nable species”;

10 (5) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, goat, or
 11 equine” each place it appears and inserting “ame-
 12 nable species”; and

13 (6) by striking “cattle, sheep, swine, goat, or
 14 other equine” each place it appears and inserting
 15 “amenable species”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the day after the effec-
 18 tive date of section 794 of the Agriculture, Rural Develop-
 19 ment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-
 20 cies Appropriations Act, 2006.

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